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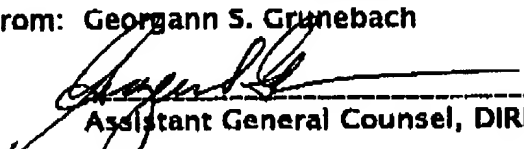
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- > Amendment Transmittal
- > Response to PTO Office Communication Dated March 8, 2004

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PATENT

Docket No. PD-200083

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In re Application of: Ying J. Feria, et al.
 Serial No. 09/661,967
 Filed: September 14, 2000
 For: STRATOSPHERIC-BASED COMMUNICATION SYSTEM
 HAVING INTERFERENCE CANCELLATION

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 Group Art Unit: 2686
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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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Fee \$ _____

An extension for _____ months(s) has already been secured; the fee paid therefor of _____ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested. \$ _____
 Extension fee due with this request \$ _____

☒ Applicant believes that no extension of time is required to respond to the Office Action dated March 8, 2004. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

☒ No additional fee for claims is required.

☐ The fee for claims has been calculated as shown below:

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TOTAL CLAIMS	24	minus	24*	=	0	x \$ 18.00	\$ -0-
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	4	minus	4*	=	1	x \$ 84.00	\$ -0-
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS						x \$ 280.00	\$ -0-
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT:							\$ _____

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Respectfully submitted,

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